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THE correspondence which has passed

between the Governors of Hongkong and

Macao with reference to the departure of

a number of coolies by the steamer *Tartarus*

for Brazil, being amusing in its personal

aspect, is also suggestive of grave considera-

tions with reference to the general question

of Chinese emigration. As is well known,

Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON was desirous that

emigration from Hongkong to Brazil should

be established and the Hon. J. H. STUART

LOCKHART was sent to England to confer

with the Colonial Office on the subject.

There was also an idea that he might

afterwards proceed to Rio de Janeiro

should the house Government approve. But

while the British Authorities were leisurely

considering the subject the Macao Govern-

ment was willing to permit the emigration

to take place forthwith, and the *Tartarus* ac-

cordingly left with the first shipment. This

did not prove agreeable to His Excellency of

Hongkong, and in his speech at the opening

of the session of the Legislative Council he

referred to "recent events in the neighbourhood

colony" as tending to confirm the Chinese

Government "in the opinions they are be-

lieved to entertain on this subject." I.e.,

emigration to foreign countries. Thereupon

the Governor of Macao wrote to Sir WILL-

IAM ROBINSON asking him to make it clear

that the neighbouring colony referred to was

not Macao, because no events had oc-

curred there which could justify such lan-

guage. In reply Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON

made to state that he had in his mind,

when using the words in question, the cir-

cumstances connected with the steamer

*Tartarus* and the recent despatch of coolie

emigrants from Macao to Brazil. Seeing

that His Excellency was himself desirous

that emigration should take place from

Hongkong to Brazil, which "would be of

"great advantage, not merely to this Colony,

but to thousands of industrious persons in

"China who have now but little opportunity

"of making a living or of even obtaining

"the bare necessities of life," it might at

first sight seem difficult to understand what

ground of objection there could be to the

emigration taking place from Macao except

that the one Colony instead of the other

derived the profit resulting therefrom. So

far as we have heard, there were no discre-

table circumstances connected with the

recruiting of the emigrants who left by the

*Tartarus*, or at all events not more than seem

to be inseparable from the emigration trade,

for even in connection with the emigration

from Hongkong to Singapore cases of

kidnapping and false representations are not

unfrequently brought to light in the Colon-

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